

MR. BAYARD KENNETT

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 2, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, on October 30, 2012 Mr. Bayard Kennett will receive the White Mountains Treasure Award from the Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce. I am pleased to congratulate him on this fine achievement and thank him for all of his service to the communities and people of the Mt. Washington Valley.

Mr. Kennett has been an influential businessman in the North Country since returning to the region in 1977 to take over his family's real estate and land holding companies. During that time he has set himself apart as a trusted business leader in the community. In addition to Mr. Kennett's business experience, he has also served in many positions for the town of Conway including as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Conway School Board, Conway Fire Department, and Conway Precinct Commissioner. His public service also includes works with business and community organizations, serving on Memorial Hospitals Board of Trustees and the Tech Village Realty Board of Directors. He has also helped with local school and sport organizations serving on the Ham Arena Board and as a Little League and Flag Football Coach, and with the Kennett High Boosters.

These impressive accomplishments highlight Bayard's dedication to his community and his tireless efforts to celebrate everything great about New Hampshire's beautiful North Country. I congratulate Mr. Kennett for receiving this award and for his outstanding service to the Mt. Washington Valley. I wish him the very best for the future.

CELEBRATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF LILLIAN ESTELLE CHRISTOPHER MINGUS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

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Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great joy that I recognize and celebrate the one hundredth birthday of Lillian Estelle Christopher Mingus of Irving, Texas. Lillian will reach the age of one hundred years on November 8 and will celebrate the occasion with a party on November 10.

Lillian was born on November 8, 1912, to Frances Lozana "Loza" Barnett and Andrew Garrett "Babe" Christopher in Gentry's Mill, Texas. She was one of six children and the oldest daughter. As such, she helped her brothers with milking cows, feeding chickens, hoeing and picking cotton, and generally caring for the land and livestock. She graduated the 10th grade, the highest available at the time, from Duffau Community School in Duffau, Texas. On her 18th birthday, Lillian married the love of her life, Silvester Olen Mingus. Together they were farmers and ranchers for many years. At one point they also ran a café in Hamilton, Texas. Later on, Lillian was a careworker for children and the elderly. She also taught Sunday school in Odessa for fifteen years.

During their 54 years of marriage, Lillian and Silvester had three children—Grady Mingus, C.O. Mingus, and Rosa Mingus Gordon. She also has 9 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren. Today, Lillian loves to play bingo, keep up to date on the Boy Scouts, do arts and crafts, and shell blackeyed peas. She regularly attends Bible Study and is the oldest member of MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church.

The legacy of Lillian's life in Texas is a reflection of an adventurous family history. Her great-great-grandparents, John and Elizabeth Allison, brought the family from Tennessee to Texas by covered wagon in 1834. John and his sons, including Lillian's great-great grandfather James Allison, fought for Texas in its battles for independence from Mexico and the family was personal friends with Davy Crockett. James received a land grant for his military service and also bought land in Williamson County upon which he founded the settlement of Allison, which later became known as Friendship and is marked with a Friendship Community Historical Marker. Lillian has been accordingly awarded a Williamson County Pioneer Family Certificate. Generations later, during a period of her childhood in Hico, Texas, Lillian's homestead was paid a visit by the notorious duo, Bonnie and Clyde.

Lillian is a woman with deep faith, a zest for life, and a love for meeting people with a friendly smile. When asked about her secret for living to be one hundred, she simply states that God is not finished with her yet or else she would be in home in heaven. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and one hundredth birthday of Lillian Estelle Christopher Mingus.

RECOGNIZING THE 13TH ANNUAL GUAM DIABETES CONFERENCE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 13th Annual Guam Diabetes Conference as well as President Emeritus Carl Butler for his 20 years of service to the Guam Diabetes Association and our community on Guam. This important gathering provides healthcare professionals with the opportunity to share their expertise and knowledge with members of the Guam Diabetes Association. The conference coincides with American Diabetes Month, which is recognized every November as a time to promote education and more effective management of the disease.

This year's theme, "Diabetes: Focus on Healthy Choices for a Better Life," highlights the importance of personal responsibility in diabetes management. On Guam and throughout the country, type 2 diabetes remains a growing concern because of the severe complications that may result from poor management. In particular, Asians and Pacific Islanders have a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes than the general population. The Guam Diabetes Association has worked to educate our community about how to avoid complica-

tions, such as heart and kidney disease, stroke and neuropathy, and to promote healthier food and lifestyle choices on Guam.

Research shows that people can reverse diabetes and reduce their risk of developing complications through careful management and moderation. We know now that having diabetes does not mean having all the dreaded complications, and the Guam Diabetes Association helps to dispel myths associated with the disease and promote the idea that people with diabetes can still live full lives.

The Guam Diabetes Association plays an important role in educating the public about diabetes, and provides an invaluable service to our community. I commend the Guam Diabetes Association and current President Jose Q. Taitague for working to reduce and prevent diabetes on our island, and I am hopeful that Guam Diabetes Conference will help further efforts to stop diabetes on Guam.

THE CHRISTINA-TAYLOR GREEN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

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Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation.

Christina-Taylor Green was only nine years old when she lost her life on January 8, 2011 during a violent attack at Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' Congress On Your Corner event in Tucson. Although Christina-Taylor was tragically taken from us on that dark day, her spirit will live on forever.

In the months after Christina-Taylor's death, her grieving parents, John and Roxanna Green, created the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation to honor their beloved daughter and her hopes and dreams. The foundation has the goal of making the Tucson community as good as Christina-Taylor imagined it by helping local schoolchildren who are in need.

On November 2 and 3, the Tucson Conquistadores Foundation is partnering with the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation to hold Birdies & Butterflies, the year's premier sports entertainment fundraiser in Southern Arizona. The event will feature Tommy Lasorda, the legendary former manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, pro golfer and U.S. Senior Open champion Don Pooley and other pro and college sports celebrities.

The name of the event pays tribute to Christina-Taylor's last drawing. In December 2010, her third-grade teacher gave the class an assignment to create a winged insect that represented who they are inside. Christina-Taylor drew a beautiful striped green and blue butterfly with big dark eyes and wings that reached toward the sky. That drawing has become the logo of the foundation that now bears Christina-Taylor's name.

I am proud to recognize the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Foundation on the occasion of Birdies & Butterflies that is being held in Tucson today and tomorrow. It is a worthwhile community endeavor honoring Christina-Taylor's vision for what our community can be. This beautiful young girl continues to inspire us all.